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New Orleans, April 9 (AP)—The flood disaster in Louisiana which has left 80,000 families homeless is spreading today but it is not expected to spread to the Mississippi River. The Mississippi River flood would not be necessary unless weather conditions are exceeded.

Gen. Max C. Tyler, president of the Mississippi River Commission, who made the announcement, said the Mississippi River flood would not be higher than the 1937 flood when the floodway was not used.

Then, as now, the Bonnet Carré floodway above New Orleans was opened to its capacity of 250,000 feet of water to divert the Mississippi's burden into Lake Pontchartrain.

Each week more engineers have been making preparations for the opening of the 60,000 acre floodway which would guide the flood waters to the Gulf of Mexico.

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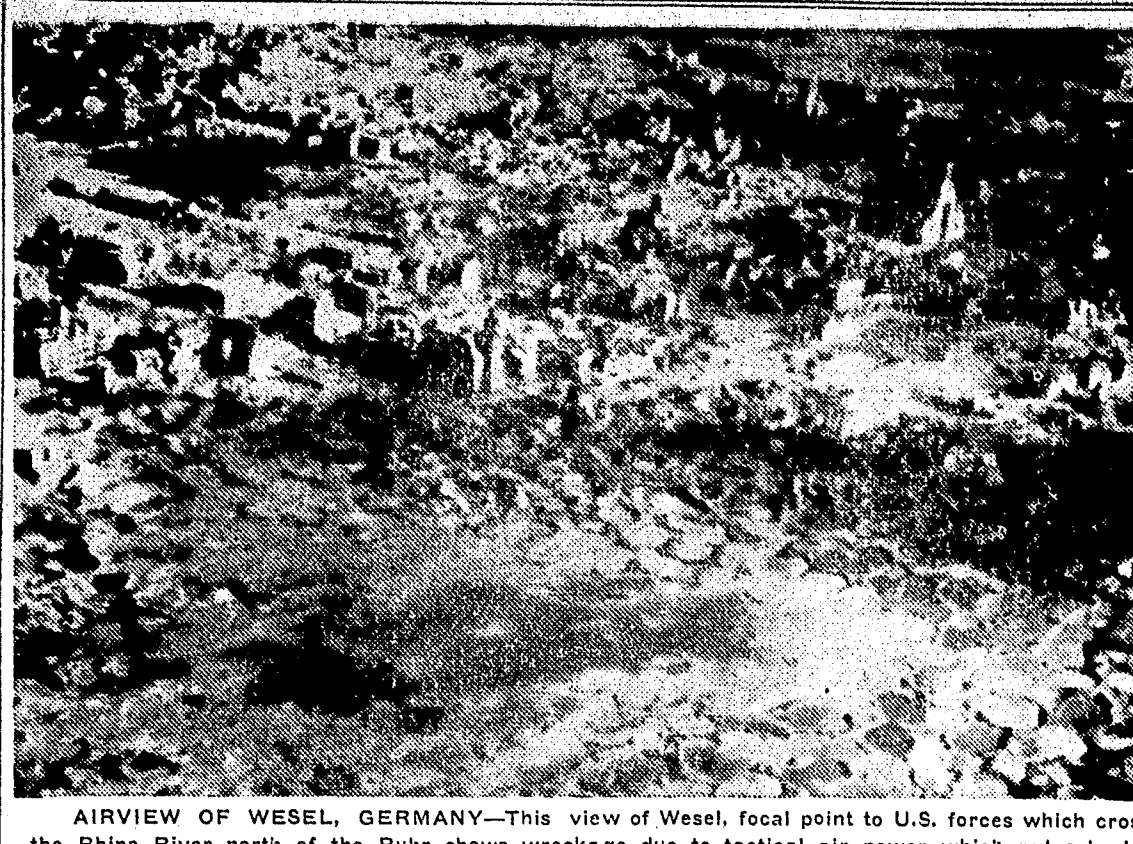
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AIRVIEW OF WESSEL, GERMANY—This view of Wessel, focal point to U.S. forces which crossed the Rhine River north of the Ruhr shows wreckage due to tactical air power which pulverized the city. Railroad track in foreground is gouged from bed. (U.S. AAF Photo from NEA Telephoto).

Hitler Again Takes Charge of Armies

By W. R. HIGGINBOTHAM

London, April 9 (UPI)—Adolf Hitler again has taken full command of the army in Germany's gravest hour, reports from the western front said today.

Documents captured by the Allies showed that all German attacks, whether on the western front or in the east, must be approved by Hitler in advance.

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## Manpower Legislation Is Dead

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The House approved the Senate measure after it was written in a Senate-House conference but the Senate turned it down and has asked the House for another conference.

"As far as I am concerned," the bill originally passed by the Senate is not satisfactory," said Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Committee, who headed the House conference.

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## Only 1,200 Internees Left in Manila

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## Our Daily Bread

Alex. H. Washburn

Among the late telegraph stories crowded out of yesterday's paper was a schedule for an inside the House today was this one:

Allied observers in Europe think pretty badly that when the American-British forces effect a union with the Russians, thereby cutting the Nazis in two, the Allied high command will issue a proclamation declaring formal resistance by Germany is ended.

It is speculation, but reasonable speculation.

The Germans seem to be disappointed so far that they haven't any organized government left to make a formal surrender—which Adolf Hitler says he wouldn't do in any event.

So the end of the European war is a question of proclamation coming from our side.

And when that will be made, it will be quickly we cover the 120 miles of enemy country still between the front and the German allies—the distance from here to Little Rock.

This Thursday and Friday night the Kiwanis club will hold its annual Minuteman Show for the benefit of the Hope Boys Club.

Last year's Minuteman was a great success. It was a fine show of the kind of thing that the Kiwanis club is capable of.

First it was the Ki-Y Club, holding weekly dances for teen-age folk, and it started the Boys Club fund for the year.

May all success greet the Kiwanis club this year.

A captured Nazi official said to an American questioner that he couldn't imagine or understand the reason for the German defeat.

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## Germany's Ruhr, Once Great Industrial Region, Now Is Nothing But a Flaming Torch

By HAROLD W. WARD

Washington, April 11 (AP)—The Ruhr, once the heart of Germany's industrial power, today is a giant torch. The industrial basin which produced most of Germany's war effort is now a wasteland of smoke and fire.

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## Vienna Falls; Reds Rush on Toward West

By ROBERT MUSEL

London, April 11 (UPI)—The fall of Vienna was inevitable, and it came today. The city was captured by the Soviet forces, and the German forces are withdrawing.

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## Essen and Brunswick Taken; Yanks Race to 63 Miles of Berlin

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